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THE STRUGGLE IS NEVER OVER

After several months of struggle, Jeanne Jullion won a lesbian custody battle in Januray of this year. Jeanne was awarded custody of her youngest son and more extensive visitation rights with her older son. Jeanne was originally refused custody in May of 1977 because she is a lesbian.

In the beginning of July, her ex-husband obtained a court order stating that he could take both children to Italy to visit their grandparents. Three weeks later Jeanne received communications stating that he was not going to return, nor was he going to send the children back.

Jeanne is now faced with never seeing her children again, and having no legal recourse because her children are out of the country. She still owes a substantial amount of money from her original court case and legal costs of $11,000. Jeanne's case exemplifies the unfair treatment that women face everyday. Where the case has set a legal precedent for all lesbians and their children, it also shows that sexual preference battles are costly, and that once again the "scales of justice" are imbalanced because of male domination.

Lynn Patten

AFDC CUTS

On June 29, 1978 two bills were introduced into the California Senate which would cut aid to the third illegitimate child of any woman receiving AFDC payments.

SJR 50 and SB 2237, introduced by Senators Russell, Campbell, Johnson, and Presley "would prohibit AFDC aid for any child born out of wedlock if the child's mother has two or more older children who were also born out of wedlock and the older children currently recieved AFDC aid."

These bills would take effect immediately as an urgency statute. "for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety." The facts constituting such a necessity are: "to carry out the constitutional requirements of Prop. 13."

This constitutes another attack on women as a result of Proposition 13. Nothing has been done to "trim the fat from government", but women have had medi-cal abortions restricted, and now are not going to be paid AFDC payments for children they are forced to have.

These bills are now in the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare. The Committee must be told that women will not continue to accept these attacks.

Robin Purdy

A SLICE OF BRIGGS

Sometimes one may wonder how Senator John V. Briggs, a man so intent on persecuting gays in California really thinks. Quite by accident, a mere sliver of his personality was revealed to me after the Senate hearing in Los Angeles.

Frank Ker, an attorney representing the "Vote No on Proposition 6 Committee", and I were engaged in conversation when Briggs interrupted to wish Ker "well" in the upcoming election. Briggs very clearly explained that he, "did't necessarily personally feel this way" but since his supporters did, he felt compelled to lead them.

Briggs concluded by shaking hands with Ker, and wishing him"luck"; Ker, a little confused, also wished Briggs "luck."

But no one was more confused than I. I had witnessed Briggs admit, "he didn't necessarily personally feel this way" towards his own initiative. Yet, he personally loaned the "California Defend Our Children Committee" $25,000. Here were two adversaries acting humane, and one is a sponsor of one of the most inhumane initiatives in recent California history. An initiative he doesn't necessarily believe in.

Briggs' had given the impression that he compromised his principles to support the initiative. That is, if the man has any principles at all.

Yvonne Baginski

graphic by Jeri Murphy

For more information on Briggs see pages 6, 7 and 16.

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EDITORIAL:

Crisis oriented organizations operate not only to resolve crisis of individuals who seek support and solutions from the organization, but generally operate in a state of crisis. The history of the Sacramento Women's Center bears testimony.

The Women's Center and Rape Crisis Center are once again anticipating monetary disaster. Women's Information Service is facing 1979 with a budget of $10,000--barely enough to cover one part-time salary, rent, telephones, and supplies. The passage of Proposition 13 diverted funds from Revenue Sharing monies which, in the past, has financed social service agencies like Rape Crisis. This fall, Rape Crisis must look to other sources for money. Unfortunately, some 50 other public service agencies are also searching--and there are not many places to look.

The Center is attempting to find solutions for coping with the loss of funds. New grants which provide salaries only are being prepared by both WISE and Rape Crisis. A committee to locate a less expensive location (SWC is presently paying $1004.00 monthly for rent) has formed. A new thrust toward fundraising is appearing. Donations are being solicited.

The Sacramento Women's Center came into existance because the feminist community realized the need for a safe spot--an atmosphere that offered solutions and support. Receiving funding allowed the Center to foster feminism, reach more women, and provide more opportunities and more support.

The Women's Center can only remain in existance if the community lends assistance--not only monetarily, but in finding a new location, assisting in fundraising, donating supplies, time and energy.

If you would like to help, call 447-3223 or 442-4657.

Lynne Ohlson

Letters Letters Letters Letters Letters

TO OUR READERS:

In response to the number of calls and comments on last months article "Dykes and Femmes", the Gibbous RISING Collective feels that we should make a statement on our editorial policy.

First, we do print articles even if they don't represent the unanimous view of the collective. However, the article should be of interest to more than just the author. We established our collective to produce a newspaper that would encourage the exchange of ideas and opinions. We support the freedom to air views, theories, and philosophies; we want to facilitate communication and the development of ideas.

Unfortunately "Dykes and Femmes" has been viewed by our readership as a debasement to women and/or lesbians. At this point we wish to apologize to any women who took offense to the article or views it as being incongruous to the purpose and basic ideals to Gibbous RISING.

The article was printed after being reviewed by the collective. It was decided that it would illicit response, and hopefully someone would come up with a more positive view of women and their existence in society. Instead we recieved angry responses and many questions about what we were doing with the paper.

Our response to this situation is: We want to give everyone a chance to express views, but in the future there will be more careful consideration given to the proposed content of articles and the effect on our readership.

Once again we would like to thank the women who are becoming involved in the collective. This is a sure way of guaranteeing that the paper reflects your community.

by Lynn Patten for the
Gibbous RISING Collective

Editor:

I am writing to voice my strong objection to Mary Richardson's June 26, 1978, reporting of the gay parade held in San Francisco, June 25, 1978. I found that Ms. Richardson describing the attire and bodies of those who marched not only a terribly biased and sterotypical denunciation but a great disappointment to someone who believed in her judgement and reporting expertise.

I've always understood reporting to be a repeating of facts and not poorly couched repetitions of society's inept perceptions of a counter culture. Mentioning bodies and clothing tells the viewer as much about what the gay movement is trying to achieve as does reporting what Anita Bryant wore on election day.

The issues and reasons for the parade should have been explored in more depth and the "Women's Page" approach to attire should have been totally eliminated. The style of fashions does not a movement explain.

240,000 people, many of whom were straight, marched to protest the Briggs Initiative. The sheer number of these people alone seems an indication that something quite "serious" is afoot--- a feature story which goes far beyond funny hats, feathers and braless women.

Ms. Richardson and Channel 3 have lost a fan and a viewer. If possible, a restatement of the feature should be made by someone objective and involved in the reporting, not commentating, aspect of television journalism.

I, as a viewer, am interested in the issue, not its wrapping.

Sincerely,
Kathy Rice

Dear G.R.,

I read the article "Dykes and Femmes" in your July issue. The drawing you printed was done by myself. I found the piece of writing fortunately quite interesting and I felt it rang true for a lot of lesbian relationships. So I didn't mind that my artwork was used, for it went well with the article. However, I was a bit surpriesed and a little offended that I was not asked or even told that it would be printed. Let's, say theoretically speaking that you published my artwork with an article that I did not believe in or support, I certainly would not want my piece printed with it in support of that idea, nor would any artist I feel. I do believe perhaps you should show a little respect to that artist by simply asking if its o.k. to print their work. Most magazines and papers work this way especially if its printed accompanying an article. It is of course basic common courtesy.

Please understand, I am not sending this in any ridiculous snit or outrage, in fact I am not "angry" at all, I am simply reminding you that perhaps in the future when you think of publishing artist's work accompanying articles, you really should ask the artist. Other than that I read you paper from cover to cover, and liked it very much. I'm sure you'll be around a long time.

Noreen Scully

Our apologies to Noreen Scully,the artist, and Della Hennessee(of Day Moon Graphics), the distributor of the graphic used in the "Dyke and Femme" article.

Gibbous RISING

TO THE EDITOR:

Last Sunday night I went with a friend to see the movie "Sandakan 8" at the Showcase Cinema. The film was a very moving account of the life of a Japanese prostitute. The men who appeared in the film, without exception, exploited the prostitute. They abused women and ultimately rejected her as a disgrace. She endured, courageous, but lonely.

As we left the theater, we paused to read the playbill. A comment on the film by Rex Reed stunned me: "Sandakan 8" is a mesmerizing, hypnotic experince about the dignity and courage of man."

Readers who saw the film must wonder with me whether the edition of the film Mr. Reed saw was significantly different from the one we viewed in Sacramento, or whether no one ever told him that the word "women" existed. Certainly, the use of the generic(male) noun could not have been more inappropriate.

Margy Knapp

Dear Supervisors
We Are the Women and the children.

Letter to:
Sacramento County Board of Supervisors

Dear Board Members:

We are a coalition of concerned women, writing this letter to draw your attention to the probable effect of proposed drastic services cutbacks on women and children in Sacramento County. Our concern arises from our work in the area of women's services. Although our philosophies are not all similar, as service providers we are all faced daily with the realities of women's lives.

Although people(old people, poor people, and people of ethnic minority groups) experience very real problems, women in every age, class, and ethnic group experience the same problems; however, exacerbated by their sex. In the past, women's problems(by this we mean the problems of rape victims, dispalced homemakers, women ex-offenders, unskilled women workers, and working mothers of preschool children) were not held to be particularly significant. Indeed, it was believed that these women had brought on many of their problems, and could resolve their problems by staying with their men; financially and emotionally in their place,. so to speak. For those women who lived on their own or, for that matter, walked down the street alone, subsequently increasing the likelihood of victimization-physically on the street as well as economically in the job market, there were no answers.

Recently, the needs of women victims have begun to be recognized, most often by past victims, who working together have developed services for present victims. Being designed and typically staffed by those who have lived through similar experiences, these services work toward serving a dual purpose- support and assistance for immediate needs resolution and support and guidance toward selfsufficiency which is the major guarantee of decreased occassions of victimization. They touch upon lives at significant times and therefore, serve as catalysts for change.

The victim of sexual violence is assisted in coping with the fear of future violence; at the same time she is provided the opportunity through counseling and support to develop an awareness which serves to prevent future abuse. The potential "welfare mother" caring for her children is assisted in coping with the anxiety of economic deprivation while at the same time she is assisted through job training and placement in leaving behind the grim reality of "welfare generations." The battered wife is assisted in her physical and emotional recovery while at the same time supported in her effort to return to school; in this way eventually guaranteeing a life apart from the abuse she has known.

These services contribute toward eradication of needs. They bring about life changes. They are not self-servin "band-aids". Yet, it appears that in the light of service cutbacks these significant programs will be discarded as easily as the others.

We are presently witnessing a time of high tension as economic changes bring about societal changes. We can predict future increases in alcoholism, street violence, and family violence, as Sacramento County acclimates to high unemployment and reduced human services. Unfortunately, we know in advance the victims who will suffer the consequences-powerless women and their children. However, in this frightening situation they will find themselves without the little they have had.

We urge that these desperately needed services not be entirely denied them. On behalf of those who have yet to benefit, we urge you to weigh carefully service costs against the invaluable potential these services represent.

Sincerely,
The Task Force
The following is a list belonging to the coalition of concerned women.

AL-Anon
National Organization of Women (N.O.W.)
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Sacramento's Women Center
Women's Equity Action League (WEAL)
Mother's Emergency Stress Service (MESS)
Greater Sacramento Area Plan(GSAP)
Sacramento Community Commission for Women (SCCW)
Volunteers in Parole
Concilio
League of Women Voters
Women in Apprenticeship
Rape Crisis Center
National Council of Negro Women
Women in Crisis
Substance Abuse Project
Women's Justice Service
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Abortion

WHERE WERE YOU AT THE DEATH KNELL OF THE RIGHTS OF CALIFORNIA WOMEN?

Where were you on July 4, 1978--the day American independence was celebrated with California women's blood?

Just as July 4, 1776 signaled the end of the rights of colonial women to vote and to own property, July 4, 1978 has signaled the end of the rights of California women to reproductive freedom of choice and to decent health care for poor women. On July 4, 1978, the California Assembly disgraced itself by proposing to "limit" funds for MediCal abortions--effectively making a decision to force California women either to carry an unwanted fetus, or self-abort, or to seek a back-alley abortion. On July 5, the California Senate succumbed to the blackmail of the anti-abortion fanatics and approved the "compromise" plan.

Where were you on that historic occasion?

You weren't outside the Capitol, picketing in protest. There was no picket line.

You weren't inside the legislative halls conducting a sit-in. There was no large protest group at the Capitol on July 4, protesting this destruction of women's rights to bodily health and reproductive freedom.

You weren't on the phone, lighting up the Capitol switchboard with your cries of outrage. Only a few of us called, even to reprimand the three Democratic Senators who abstained on a crucial pro-abortion vote days earlier.

You weren't at the telegraph office, sending letters of protest to the male legislators who dared to debate why "medical damage" to a 16-year-old or 17-year-old pregnant female was an insufficient "excuse" for an abortion. There was no flood of protest mail to those legislators over this issue--even when, in the last hours of debate, it became clear that the "mandatory motherhood" proponents wanted the legislature to outlaw, to criminalize all abortions for all women.

Where were you, then?

Where were the female legislators, whose anger at this sexist conspriacy could have made front-page headlines? Could it be that they want re-election so badly that playing it safe means more to them than does safeguarding women's lives? Or could it be that they are more afraid of angering the Speaker than of angering California women?

Where were the male legislators with teenage daughters, young wives, female relatives whose right to reproductive freedom will be the next sacrifice in this grisly game of murdering women to "save" fetuses? Could it be that they don't think it will disrupt their own home life? Or that they don't think this deliberate decision to murder the lives and spirits of Californians is vitally important--because the victims will be female and poor?

Where were the doctors, whose freedom to consult with patients and then make a private decision was being trampled upon by this legislative vote? Could it be that they prefer rich patients? Could it be that they don't mind returning to the days of moonlighting doctor-

Con't on page 11.

graphic by Jeri Murp

UPDATES

Joan Little

Joan Little pleaded guilty to escape charges stemming from her unsanctioned departure from a Raleigh, N.C. prison where she was serving time. She is expected to receive six month to two year sentence.

New York attorney William Kunstler was arrested on charges of obstruction of a criminal proceeding when he tried to serve Judge James H. Pou Bailey with a change of venue. Kunstler had previously been banned from taking part in the defense. Charges against Kunstler were dropped as court had been in recess at the time he attempted to serve Judge Bailey.

Test Tube Baby

The World's first test tube baby will be born to an unidentified 32 year old Lancashire England woman around the first of August.

The mother is in the care of Dr. Patrick Steptoe who has worked for 12 years developing a technique for fertilizing a human egg with male sperm in laboratory glassware and then re-implanting it in the womb.

Unwanted Sterilization

Los Angeles Judge Jesse Curtis will soon hand down a decision in the case of 10 Chicano women who have sued one of the largest hospitals in the country for conspiracy to sterilize them without their consent.

The women charge that the University of Southern California-Los Angeles Medical Center conspired to deprive them of their civil rights to procreate by forcing them to have sterilizations without their informed consent. They are asking for over $1 million in damages.

The women were "asked" to sign consent forms under duress, while they were under anesthesia following the births of their children. Handwriting experts have testified that samples of signatures taken from the women indicate that they appeared to be under strain when they signed the consent forms.

The suit charges that, as a result of the unwanted sterilizations, all 10 of the women have suffered severe emotional, psychological and physical damage.

Backlash Violence

Police in Seattle and on the University of Washington campus are investigating the shooting of Emily Cannell while she was attending the Northwest Women's Action Conference. She was shot in the back by an unknown assailant and sustained a collapsed lung. There is speculation that the shooting may have been an act of an anti-woman backlash caused by ERA and abortion publicity.

Cannell has been residing in a women's shelter, but the man who had previously battered her was not in the vicinity of the campus at the time of the shooting.

Abortion Cuts

The restrictive language in the new California state budget will limit abortions to approximately 10% of low-income women who request them. This budget item #248 was the only item that was placed in the budget without regard to the mandate of the people's request to cut government spending. The financial facts are as follows: An abortion costs approximately $360 as opposed to a delivery of $1600, plus assistance for mother and child for one year at a cost of $6,474 to the state. It is possible for this same mother and child to remain on welfare for 18 years.

The state will pay more in both the short and long-run from a policy which denies funds to low income women who seek properly performed abortions than is saved by cutting funds; more women will be injured physically and emotionally through unsafe abortions and maternal death or injury during live births than would be the case in safe, Medi-Cal paid-for abortions. The state will have to assume financial responsibility for a statistical percentage of unwanted children, and for the treatment of psychological problems a proportion will inevitably have. This policy discriminates against racial and ethnic minorities, women, and especially teenage girls.

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B.C. Activists

Charges against British Columbian prison critics Betsy Wood and Gay Hoon were dismissed when Judge Lorne Clare decided that the "evidence" linking the two to a maximum security penitentiary escape attempt was circumstantial.

Hoon and Wood had been actively seeking to end solitary confinement at the prison and were present at the B.C. prison at the time five inmates attempted to break out. The prosecutor charged that they arranged for a get-away car and an apartment to house the escapees, and attempted homocide.

Wood called the decision a vindication for the pair after being singled out by prison officials because of their campaign against solitary confinement.

Mary Worlds

Mary Worlds, a 29 year old Black woman with two children, was recently convicted by an all white jury of a crime she claims never occured. She began serving a three year sentence for aggravated battery Monday, July 11, 1978.

Worlds was convicted of burning a patient with a cigarette while she worked as a supervisor at the Marianna Sunland Training Center. Worlds' white accuser, Eudora Conner, was Worlds' supervisor until 1975 when Worlds was promoted over Conner. Conner claims to have witnessed the assault, but did not intervene, seek medical attention for the patient, or report the incident for four months. Seven co-workers, who regularly took care of the patient, testified that they never found any evidence of burns. A doctor summoned as a state witness, examined the patient six months after the fact, and said the marks could be natural skin texture changes due to aging.

The Tampa Tribune has raised questions about "possible racial motivation" behind the charges. Worlds' case has drawn the attention of Florida Governor Reubin Askew and U.S. Civil Rights Commission in Atlanta, Ga. The Florida Parole and Probation Commission estimates 6 months before they can begin to review the case. Meanwhile Mary Worlds is incarcerated in Lowell State Prison for Women. Her two children are left without their mother. As Worlds summed it up, "I think all the jury heard was a white woman said a black woman burned a patient."

Jaci White

Anorexia Nervosa

A national self-help group for women and girls who suffer from anorexia nervosa will soon be available at the local level.

Anorexia nervosa is an emotional and psychological disorder which compels victims to avoid food and consequently suffer severe loss of weight. Anorexia victims starve themselves through not eating, self-induced vomiting, laxatives, and enemas. They often continue to visualize themselves as fat, no matter how much weight they have lost.

The founder of the National Anorexic Aid Society, Patricia Howe, says at least one student in every U.S. high school is anorexic. "The great emphasis on women to succeed and society's over-emphasis on slimness" have increased the occurance of the disease.

For more information call Lynne at 442-4657.

G.R. Meeting

All women who are working on Gibbous RISING are invited to a staff meeting, August 7 at 7:00 at the Sacramento Women's Center, 1230 H St. Call Roxanne or Robin at 442-4657 with any questions.

ERA Extention Victory

HR638, the bill to extend the ratification of the ERA has passed the Senate Judiciary Committee. The bill, which passed by one vote, will now go to the House of Representatives where it is expected to pass on the floor and through the House Judiciary Committee. It will then go back to the Senate for a floor vote. Several Senators have promised to filibuster to stop the bill from being passed. Write your Senators and urge them to vote for women's rights.

Lamaze Births

A Doctor in Illinois has found that women who give birth by means of traditional delivery methods have more serious complications than women following the Lamaze method of prepared childbirth.

A study of 1000 births, half of which were Lamaze births, found that Lamaze mothers experience one-third the number of cases of toxemia in pregnancy; one-third the amount of post delivery infection; one-fourth the incidence of caesaran birhts, one-third the number of breech deliveries and one-fifth the amount of fetal distress.

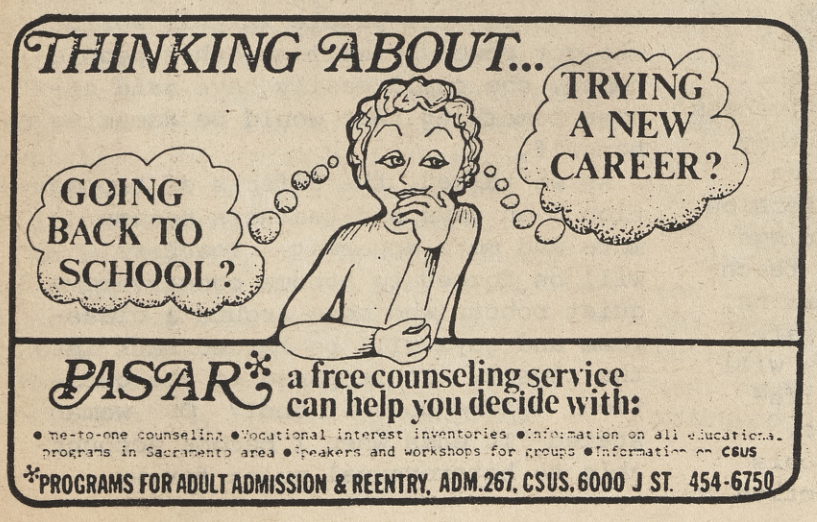
Where SETA Funds Go

July 21, 1978 the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency made its recommendations to MAPC for the 1979 Title I Plan. Three of the recommendations directly affect Sacramento women. Women's Justice Services was awarded $118,000 dollars to continue its program for women ex-offenders. The goal of this program is to offer support and viable alternatives to women as they adjust to life on the outside, and so lessen the chances for renewed criminal activity. Counseling and employment training and placement are the specific services Women's Justice Services will offer.

Northern California Women for Apprenticeship was awarded $150,000 dollars as a pilot project to determine if success can be made in moving women into non-traditional jobs. This program will provide apprenticeship training for women to increase the number of women employed in non-traditional jobs. Entry into apprenticeship programs of trade unions has and continues to be closed to women. Northern California Women for Apprenticeship is designed to evaluate and challenge the trade union system in regards to it discrimination against women.

In support of single women with children, SETA placed special emphasis on the need for child care subsidies for SETA participants with children. It was recommended that SETA staff work with funded community agencies and Child Action to develop a program that will insure child care monies on a regualr monthly basis for all SETA parents in need.

Jaci White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INVASION OF PRIVACY

SECTION 1. Section 44837.5 is added to the Education Code, to read:

"44837.5 One of the most fundamental interests of the State is the establishment and the preservation of the family unit. Consistent with this interest is the State's duty to protect its impressionable youth from influences which are antithetical to this vital interest. This duty is particularly compelling when the state undertakes to educate its youth, and, by law, requires them to be exposed to the state's chosen educational environment throughout their formative years.

A schoolteacher, teacher's aide, school administrator or counselor has a professional duty directed exclusively towards the moral as well as the intellectual, social and civic development of young and impressionable students.

As a result of continued close and prolonged contact with schoolchildren, a teacher, teacher's aide, school administrator or counselor becomes a role model whose words, behavior and actions are likely to be emulated by students coming under his or her care, instruction, supervision, administration, guidance and protection.

For these reasons the State finds a compelling interests in refusing to employ and in terminating the employment of a schoolteacher, a teacher's aide, a school administrator or a counselor, subject to reasonable restrictions and qualifications, who engages in public homosexual activity and/or public homosexual conduct directed at, or likely to come to the attention of school children or other school employees.

This proscription is essential since such activity and conduct undermines the state's interest in preserving and perpetuating the conjugal family unit."

These are the beginning paragraphs of Proposition 6, an amendment to the California Education Code which, if passed in November, will endanger the jobs of any school teacher, teacher's aide, administrator, or counselor who publicly or privately opposes discrimination against homosexuals. It will prohibit every school in California directed by a school board (who must comply with the California Education Code) from employing any person who has ever "engaged in public homosexual activity or public homosexual conduct".

"Public homosexual activity" (as defined by the initiative) is a "commission of an act upon any other person of the same sex, which is not discreet and not practiced in private." This is, of course, already illegal and covered well under existing California state law.

"Public homosexual conduct" means "advocating, soliciting, encouraging, or prompting of private, or public homosexual activity". If this is interpreted to mean soliciting minors for homosexual acts, it is already illegal and covered by existing California law. BUT, it can be interpreted to mean advocating employment, housing, and other civil right for gay people. If passed this part of the initiative constitutes an invasion of and an attack on the fundamental human rights of freedom of speech, freedom of association, right to privacy, right to due process, and the right of academic freedom. This part of Proposition 6 can easily spread to other professions and be used against other oppressed groups.

The hearings are also an infringement on the rights of schoolteachers. Once an accusation has been made against a teacher, that teacher, with no due process, can be suspended from her/his job for up to sixty days while a hearing is scheduled. This is a flagrant violation of the American system's "innocent until proven guilty" clause. Once the hearing is scheduled, there are no guidelines written into the education code about the questions that can be asked. Schoolteachers in Sacramento are afraid of questions like "How long have you lived with your present roommate?" "Is it true you bought a house together?" and "What are the names of teachers you see socially?"

Photo by Tinker Ramey

Teachers Thoughts

Recently Gibbous RISING staff met with several lesbian schoolteachers in Sacramento to ask how they felt Proposition 6 would affect them as teachers and how they felt about the repressive atmosphere prevelent in California schools. These women represented all levels in education and have taught for a total of 63 years in public schools. They entered the teaching profession with the ambition of educating young people to be productive and successful members of American society. (Not, as John Briggs would have us believe, to recruit young people into homosexuality). They now feel that they are being used as a new class of victims, and as scapegoats for the failure of the educational system in California. "The fear that disgruntled parents of angry students will lodge complaints against single teachers" is a very real one. "Teachers will lose their effectiveness if Proposition 6 passes because they will constantly worry about losing their jobs." "The teaching profession will lose it's purpose if the Briggs Initiative passes". Instead of teaching young people to use their brains, teachers will have to "play it safe" and teach conservatively so they will not be questioned about their lifestyle or their political beliefs. "Teachers in the elementary schools are already afraid to show affection to any same-sex student", and teachers in junior colleges are afraid to advise school clubs for gays and Gay Student's Unions because posters advertising gay events and meetings have been torn down and names of students in Gay Student's Unions have been asked for by school officials.

Photo by Tinker Ramey

If Proposition 6 passes, the fear of being called gay will be so great that school workers will be forced to remove themselves from their students and their work. One teacher told a story of a high school boy who came to her because some other boys had harassed him for some time by calling him a "queer" and a "faggot". The boy was very upset and needed someone to tell him he was ok. "My first reaction was to think "why did he come to me?" If Proposition 6 had been in existance this teacher would have to consider the fact that "someone might know" that she was gay, and instead of counseling this boy and telling him that there were people in this world who got power by calling other people names, she could easily have said or done something that would be damaging to herself.

As we talked, the effects of Proposition 6 on gays and teachers became more and more apparent. Teachers will be forced to become conservative, quiet robots who move around a classroom and gays will be forced back into the closet. In response to the question, "where does it end?" One woman stated "It ends when I become accountable to heterosexual males for my

every action." When asked what they were looking for from the public and school boards, the answers were: "We're looking for benign indifference," "We're looking for privacy," and "Leave us alone."

Movement to Defeat 6

The movement to defeat Proposition 6 is gaining momentum. Concerned Voter's of California, a group of straight and gay men and women has hired Don Bradley, an experienced campaign manager, to run a statewide media campaign to defeat Proposition 6. BACABI (Bay Area Committee Against the Briggs Initiative) has organized against Proposition 6 in the Bay Area and Sacramento Valley No on 6 Coalition is organizing the fight in the Sacramento area. SVN6C is focusing their efforts on voter registration, a Speakers Bureau, fundraising, an August Rally, voter polling, canvassing, outreach, media monitoring, and getting people out to vote on election day. They hope to register people to vote who are against Proposition 6, canvass neighborhoods in Sacramento with campaign literature, and get people to the polls on election day. They are also focusing on polling the Sacramento area by phone to find out what campaign strategies will be most effective.

Sacramento Valley No on 6 Coalition needs help in carrying out their plans. They need donations of office space in Sacramento, an office with 15 to 20 phones donated for 3 weekends in August and September for phone polling, and volunteers to run the office, take part in the poll, canvass neighborhoods and become part of the speakers bureau.

There will be a meeting of SVN6C on August 10 at 7:30 in the County Conference Room, 630 I Street. All interested people are welcome. There will also be speakers bureau workshops on August 9 and 23 from 7-10:30 p.m. and September 9 and 23 from 10-2:00. Gay and straight people interested in speaking should contact Joy Fergoda (756-7213, 752-3372). Anyone interested in volunteering time, space or phones, contact Gary Miller (456-9640, 443-3734) or Lisa Katz (758-9774, 752-3372).

A rally is planned for August to support the efforts of Frank Vel, who is walking across the state of California to urge the defeat of Proposition 6. For information on the rally, call LaPaula Turner at 456-4657.

Robin Purdy

MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS TO PROPOSITION 6

Major Contributors

William C. Phelps, Airline Ground School, Fair Oaks, $5,000

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Linda Hinojosa, Public Relations, Bradstron Ratton Products, La Mesa $2,500

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Calvary Community Church, Norwalk, $2,000
Baptist Community Bible Church, Norwalk, $250
North Hollywood First Assembly of God, $100
Bethal Christian Church, La Puente, $150
Trinity Christian Center, Riverside, $335
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Grace Bethren Church of San Diego, $100

BOTH SIDES LAMENT DISCLOSURE

The "Vote No on Proposition 6"Committee estimates they will lose about a quarter of a million dollars in contributions as a direct result of the reporting requirements of the Political Reform Act. Since May 31, a coalition of organizations opposing the Brigg's Initiative have only raised $122,944, less than one-eighth of that raised by the pro-initiative committee,"Calif. Defend Our Children."

The Act, which voters passed as Proposition 9 in 1974, requires all the names and occupations of any campaign contributors over $50.00, to be listed.

"There's no question of the chilling effect of Proposition 9," attorney Frank Ker told the July 12 hearing of the Senate Select Committee on Political Reform, in Los Angeles.

"To be vocally, openly, and financially opposed to the Brigg's Initiative is something many people, gay and straight, are reluctant to do."

The reasons many are "reluctant to contribute" may be that this list of contributors is available to the public and a genuine fear of reprisal exists if the initiative passes.

"Those whose livelihood is most involved, teachers gay and straight, are those least likely to contribute because they don't know how this will be taken if the initiative passes," Ker explained at the hearing.

Opponents of the Brigg's Initiative include, the New Alliance for Gay Equality, the Bay Area Committee Against the Brigg's Initiative, the Human Rights Campaign Committee, the Advocate Political Action Fund,and Concerned Voters of California.

While Ker is disappointed in the effects of the law on contributions, he is not asking for an exemption from the requirements of the Act.

Senator John V. Briggs, sponsor of the initiative, joined Ker in lamenting the Act's "chilling effect" on contributions. "Alot of my people don't want homosexuals to know they've contributed," Briggs said. "A lot of people are afraid of the homosexual and don't want it reported."

Whether people are really "afraid" as Briggs suggests can be debated as the California Defend Our Children Committee spent $859,487 to qualify the initiative for the ballot. The committee raised $883,628 in contributions, including a $361,631 loan from the Citizens for Senator John Briggs Committee. Briggs also personally loaned $25,000 to the committee.

Briggs pushed Senate Committee members, Sen. Rose Vuich, Sen. Robert Presley, and Sen. Omer Rains, for a $500.00 disclosure limit for the initiative. Legislation pending in a Senate commitee would raise the disclosure threshold from $50. to $100. But Ker believes the difference is "marginal".

"There are gay people all over the state who are closeted. They don't want to break their own privacy by becoming public on the issue,"Ker said.

Yvonne Baginski

THINGS TO DO

● August 1
Registration Deadline for West Coast Martial Artists Training Weekend. September 8-11 at Lake Vera, Nevada City. Registration fee: $30.00. For more information contact Betty Braver, 1732 Bidwell, Sacramento, Ca. 95818.

● August 2
"Deadline Nine--A Sex Equity Clinic". A workshop to equalize athletic and physical education opportunity for girls in the school system. 8:30 - 12:30pm, CTA Building, 7770 Collegetown Free.

● August 3
Feminist Salon: "What to do After the ERA Passes/Fails" by JoAnn Entity. 7-10pm at 1028 40th St. Sponsored by the Feminist Spirituality Center. $1.00 don.

● August 4
High Sierra Human Adventure. Registration Deadline July 26. Place: Mono Pass 4 day pack trip. Members $75.00; all others $95.00. Contact Camping Women, 2720 Armstrong Dr., Sac. 95825.

Robbie Fuller and Liz Cook at the Parking Lot for an evening of music. Call the Parking Lot for time and cost.

Sonoma County Citizens Against the Briggs Initiative fundraiser featuring Robin Tyler. Wine tasting at 7:30, showtime at 8:00 in the Petaluma Vets Building. $3.00 and $4.00 donation.

● August 5
Disco on the Moon, a free disco workshop taught by Sharon & Terra at the Crescent Moon, 1704 Broadway from 1-3pm. Sign up at the Sacramento Women's Center or just show up.

Alive! a contemporary jazz ensemble at the Moonrise Cafe, 250 Sebastopol Ave. in Santa Rosa from 12-2pm. $2.50 don.

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Camping Adventure Overnight. Registration deadline is August 2. Place: Camping Women's Property in Nevada City. Call Charlotte Williams of Camping Women, 2720 Armstrong Dr. Sac. 95825 for details.

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The Best Bike Ride You've Ever Had. Laura Catalino, owner of Grand Central Cyclery will start off the day at 9 with a Bike check and safety tips. We'll ride down the trail at 10:00. Pack a picnic lunch and we'll start at Goethe Park and picnic at Lower Sunrise Park, and then ride back.

Rancho Seco Rally. In commemoration of those who died at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Friends of the Earth and the Sacramento Peace Center will co-sponsor a rally. Phone 446-0787 for more information.

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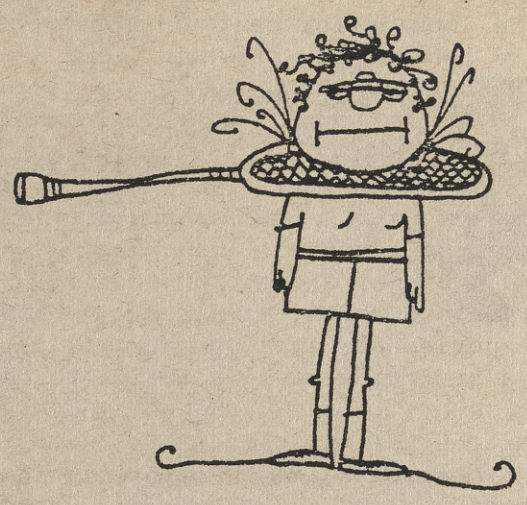

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● August 9
Sacramento Valley No on 6 Coalition will hold a Speaker's Bureau workshop from 7-10:30pm. Call Joy Fergoda 756-7213, 752-3372 for information.

● August 10
Feminist Salon: "Women and Words: How Women Have Been Mind-Raped" by Ann Denham from 7-10pm at 1028 40th St. Sponsored by the Feminist Spirituality Center. $1.00 donation.

Sacramento Valley No on 6 Coalition meeting in the County Conference Room, 630 I St. at 7:30. All interested people are welcome.

● August 11
Life Style Diversity Camping weekend designed especially for lesbians and non-lesbians to experience a feminist camping program and to learn more about the lifestyles of the other. $50.00 for non-members and $40.00 for members. Contact Camping Women, 2720 Armstrong Dr. Sacramento, Ca. 95825.

● August 12
The Second Annual Women's Art Festival Sponsored by the River Queen Women's Center at the Vets Memorial Building 1 St. & Church, Guernville. Show is open both August 12 and 13.

● August 13
Sacramento Women's Music Production Collective general meeting at 7:00 at the Sacramento Women's Center 1230 H St. Call Ann Seeley 371-5579 for info. See announcements for details.

● August 15
Deadline for Poetry submissions to Women Listening/Women Talking a women's poetry anthology. See announcements for details.

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● August 17
Feminist Salon: "Gay Rights and the Backlash" by Rev. Freida Smith from 7-10pm at 1028 40th St. Sponsored by the Feminist Spirituality Center. $1.00 don.

MORE

- August 21
An amateur photo display and contest will be held at Florin Center from August 21-27. For information contact Jan Michelle Sawyer, 451-8701.

- August 23
Sacramento Valley No on 6 Coalition will held a Speakers Bureau workshop from 7-10:30pm. Call Joy Fergoda 756-7213, 752-3372 for information.

- August 24
Feminist Salon: "Women & Sports" by Roni Baker from 7-10 at 1028 40th St. Sponsored by Feminist Spirituality Center. $1.00 donation.

- August 26
Equality Day Dance--an ERA extension fundraiser at the Clubhouse of Del Norte Swim and Tennis Club at Becerra and Robertson near Watt and Marconi. Happy hour starts at 7:00. $7.50 per person.

- August 30
"The Word Is Out" will be shown at the Showcase Theater, 412 L St. Tickets are available at the door and advance tickets will be sold at the Sacramento Women's Center. 7:00 showtime. $5.00 donation with proceeds going to Josette Mondanaro and to groups working against Proposition 6.

Poetry Deadline

Women Talking/Women Listening, a Dublin based annual anthology of California Women poets established in 1975 to provide an ongoing exposure for the emerging voice of women in poetry is now accepting your poems for the 4th annual publication. The deadline for poetry submission is August 15.

Send two copies of each poem, limit is four plus haiku, with name, address, phone, zip, age if student or over 60, in the upper right hand corner. Include permission to print. Previously published poems, the poet has the burden for clearance of rights. Copyright by WTWL reverting to poet upon publication. Payment one copy. SASE, of course.

All submitting poets will be eligible to attend the annual 100% Free Starving Poets Poetry Fest held annually in November to celebrate the new issue, read through the book, meet new poets, rap, entertainment and open round robin poetry rounds. Bring your own brown bag gourmet lunch.

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Feminist Salon

The Feminist Spirituality Center, in Sacramento, will sponsor four consecutive evening "Feminist Salons," in the Gertrude Stein or 17th-century French Model: evenings of discussion centered around one theme each evening, with respective leaders. There will be refreshments available, as well as art prints on sale, at these salons.

The "Feminist Salons" will be held 7-10 p.m., on four successive Thursday evenings, August 3, 10, 17, and 24; all salons will be at 1028 - 40th St. (off J St.), Sacramento. A $1.00 donation per evening is requested.

On August 3, Jo Ann Entity will lead a discussion on "What to do after the ERA (Passes/Fails)."

On August 10, the Rev. Ann Denham will focus on words and women as she leads a discussion on "How Women have been Mind-Raped."

On August 17, the Rev. Frieda Smith will discuss "Gay Rights and the Backlash."

On August 24, Roni Baker, a founder of the Sacramento Women's Sports League, will lead a discussion on "Women in Sports."

The Feminist Spirituality Center is proud to present these salons. The motto of the Center is: "To Strengthen Wo[illegible]." For further information, write t[illegible] Feminist Spirituality Center, P.O. Box 22104, Sacramento, CA 95822, or call Ann Forfreedom, (916) 451-9970.

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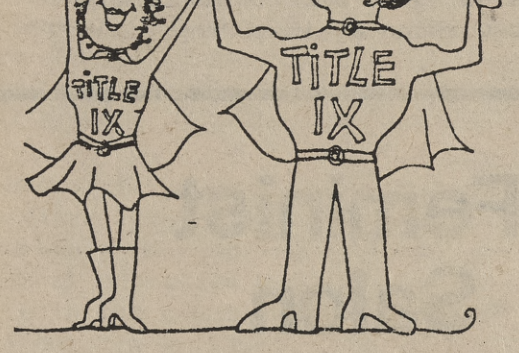

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Sexism in Sports

Olga Connolly, former Olympic gold-medalist and member of the State Athletic Commission, will be the keynote speaker at a morning workshop "Deadline Nine-A Sex Equity Clinic" on August 2 from 8:30am to 12:30pm.

The workshop will be held at the CTA Building, 7770 Collegetown, Sacramento, and will be free of charge. It will be directed to physical education and athletic instructors, coaches, booster club members and community people interested in equalizing opportunities for men and women students.

Leading the workshop will be Barbara Landers, director of Project SEE (Sex Equity in Education) of the State Department of Education, and assisting will be Jan Edwards and a speaker from the Office for Civil Rights.

The workshop is sponsored by Project Equity, a Training Institute to insure equal opportunities in education.

On July 21, 1978, schools faced the final deadline, under Title IX, to integrate and equalize their physical education and athletic programs.

This has been one of the most controversial areas in implementing Title IX law (Title IX of the Education Amendments, the Federal mandate for eliminating sexism in the school system) and many myths and misconceptions are circulating concerning the provisions of the law. One of the purposes of the workshop will be to clarify the legal requirements.

Opportunity for women students is more than a matter of physical fitness. Girls should have the same opportunities as boys to develop qualities of self-discipline, leadership, team work, recovery from errors and control over physical space, all qualities that will be invaluable to them in later life.

Anyone interested in attending should call 322-9497 to make a reservation.

Music Music Music

Any women interested in organizing a Sacramento women's music production collective are invited to attend a general meeting on August 13, Sunday evening, at 7 p.m. at Sacramento Women's Center. Whether or not you have previously been "a producer", come on in and let's talk about our expectations for such a collective. We will need women with all kinds of skills, such as bookkeeping, organizing, running around being nervous (not too many of these, please). We need women familiar with sound and lighting, and public relations work. We need women who are just so excited about women's music that they can't resist such an offer to finally get involved with it (whether or not you think you have skills).

IN ADDITION!

Any women who are interested in performing locally, whether or not you have done so already, are invited to call/write/ etc. and tell us about yourself/selves so that we may start a file of local artists.

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The switchboard will be highly publicized in the non-gay media so that callers from the 48 states will be able to receive assistance in finding sources of ongoing information and support in their local communities.

Volunteers should be 18 years of age or older and be comfortable with and knowledgeable of gay lifestyles. Volunteers are asked to make a minimum of 6 months time commitment after training.

Initial training begins in August 1978. If interested cal (415)543-4574.

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FOCUS on Feminists

A Morning Lecture Series, FOCUS offers the enriching opportunity to hear the current personalities of our time who offer highly interesting and stimulating information on the well-rounded variety of topics selected, which will be presented in explosive form by specialists from diversified backgrounds.

Sacramento Women for Equality presents FOCUS--a Saturday Morning feminist series. The guest speakers will be: Saturday, October 7, Mary Bolton "The Sociological Aspects of the Assertive Woman"; Saturday November 4, Fran Pepitone-Rockwell "Women: An Overview of Victimization"; Saturday, December 2nd, Josette Mondanaro "Women In the Work Force"; Saturday, February 3rd, Laura Nader "The Progress of Women"; Saturday, March 3rd, Carol P. Christ "Why Women (and other living things) Need the Goddess".

All five speakers, authorities in their chosen fields, have selected subjects of great current interest. All programs will start at 10:30am in the Redwood Romm, University Union, California State University, Sacramento, 6000 J Street. The series is open to EVERYONE and we encourage all those interested to attend. Tickets for the complete series are available for only $15.00 from FOCUS, P.O. Box 22104, Sacramento, Ca. 95822. Because of limited seating capacity, we advise an early return of your registration.

We are most pleased to have the opportunity to present this stimulating and productive program to the community. Profits from the series will be donated to the NOW Equal Rights Amendment Taskforce.

THE FEAR OF OPPRESSION

"Tell Them They Lie and Move On"

hic by Jeri Murphy

The KKK runs a membership drive, the Nazis demonstrate in a predominantly Jewish neighborhood, Briggs establishes an all out campaign to demolish civil rights for homosexuals and lesbians, Californians reduce social services through taxation legislation, Allan Bakke gets to go to medical school, "reverse discrimination" becomes a threat to all minorities and third world groups. Government officials say that the United States doesn't have any political prisoners-with a clear conscious this is said-Martin Luther King was assinated, Karen Silkwood was killed, abortion clinics are firebombed, farmworkers may be forced to register, sexual preference becomes a question of teacher quality, and the government says we have no political prisoners. Our prisons and jails are full of people who could not afford to protect themselves against expensive judicial systems, Supreme Court investigations are as prevalant now, as they were in the McCarthy Era,'who do you know?' 'why do you know them?';alternative presses have been ruined by the police, mailing lists have been confiscated, right wing propaganda is rampant throughout the states. State governments are trying to stop the passage of the ERA, local and city ordiances regarding Human Rights have been rescinded and President Carter talks about Human Rights in Puerto Rico. Jerry Brown speaks of the "mandate" of the people-oppressive legislation has established moral precedents that place poor, third world and minority people in bondage within their own society.

Last month the Supreme Court made their decision regarding the Allan Bakke case. In essence the Supreme Court approved the concept of reverse discrimination. They have set a legal precedent for the destruction of Affirmative Action and special programs for women and minorities. Since the establishment of Affirmative Action and special programs they have been under fire, they have had to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that they were valid, at the same time discriminatory programs continued on. We are now faced with continual harassment of programs that were designed to help people that were not born with the same priviledge middle class America has.

The Bakke case is a symbolic release of all government and establishment power, it does not address itself to one situation, the issue of Allan Bakke vs. poverty, racism, sexism. It embodies decades of struggles, it accentuates the many problems we face in our "melting pot" nation. Allan Bakke's victory becomes the banner of the Right Wing, it hits hard a nation already faced with 40 -50% unemployment for Black youth, where there are already problems concerning health care, and medical facilities, where unfair housing practices are prevalant, and where in our state, East Oakland, is only second to Harlem's Black community for infant mortality. The implication of Bakke is that minorities discriminate against white male America. That women and ethnics are unjustly stealing jobs, that they want their children to be born alive, and if they do reach adulthood, they will have a place to live. And,if they become part of the elderly minority of this country, that they will be able to live on more than just a fixed income---usually below the poverty level.

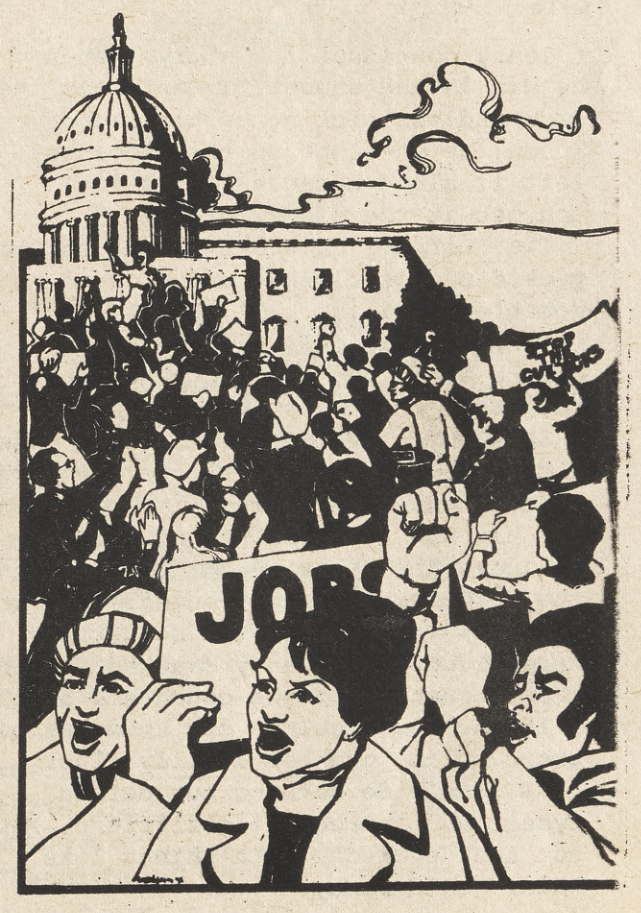
The Bakke case has made serious allegations against women---

The Bakke decision has made serious allegations against minorities and women. It has once again said that minorities and women are not qualified for anything. It is important to realize that Bakke was no more qualified than the other students competing for the spot in the Davis Medical School.

As Barbara Jordon said last November at IWY, Houston, "We endorse personal and political freedom as a national right of human pride. Human rights are more than abstractions, particularly when they are limited or non-existant... This conference could be the beginning... we should not allow ourselves to be brainwashed by people who predict choas for us and failure for us. Tell them they lie and move on...".

Anti-women and anti-minority forces are doing just that. The prediction of failure is implied in statements about equal qualifications, that minorities are a threat to people who don't want equality. Pro Bakke and anti-ERA people are representative of a monumental force for the destruction of civil liberties.

Lynn Patten



WHO IS THE VICTIM?

"When you're working, you have to deal with all kinds of wierdos,, rapists, pimps...anybody. But I don't have to talk anyone I don't like. There's no way I have to go with someone I don't like."

Her Story

Jenny's a hooker. If you passed her on the street, you wouldn't know it. Young, small-boned, blonde, with only a wisp of makeup on her eyes hidden behind wide-rimmed glasses. For the past three years, Jenny's been a hooker. Or, as she jokingly puts it, a"lady of the night."

"I started off in Vegas. Some friends got me dressed up in a long gown and fixed me up. I made $200. Being a hooker's the fastest way to make a buck."

For three years, Jenny's never been picked up by the police. Her record was clean. Until now. Jenny faces charges of petty theft, brandishing a deadly weapon in a threatening manner, soliciting and engaging in an act of prostitution.

It was a rather uneventful day in December when Jenny and her friend Alice were working a massage palor in Sacramento. Both the owner and manager were away when Jenny finished with her customer and returned to the lobby to find Alice booking another customer.

"Only one in a million come for a real massage. It's mostly sex. A lot of married men--some business executives and once and awhile a 19 or 20 year-old."

Jenny's told the story at least a "million times." But eagerly starts again, hoping someone will help her out of the paradox she inadvertently finds herself.

"He was well-dressed and carrying a gray envelope in his pocket, stuffed with a lot of money," explains Jenny. The customer went into a room with Alice.

The police report reads, "one solicited him for oral sex, 'or a half and half'". The victim stated he had just finished taking a shower after having sexual relationships with_____."

Jenny continues the story, "When he was in the shower, I went into the room and was picking up his laundry. I saw the envelope on the floor but left it alone because I knew if I touched it there'd be trouble."

The customer came out of the shower, picked up his clothes and accused both women of stealing $170.

"The room is only lighted by a candle and I don't see how he could tell that much money was missing."

Both women denied stealing the money. The customer demanded to see the manager or call the police. The women would not let him use their phone and told him to leave the palor. According to Jenny, the customer then went outside and got a gun. When he returned, both women were frightened. Jenny reached behind a seat cushion of the couch and grabbed a 13 inch switchblade she knew was hidden there. Alice grabbed a billy club.

"I didn't do nothing but defend myself and a pregnant girlfriend. Men get away everyday with things like this," said Jenny.

Both women started yelling and pushed the customer into the lobby. According to Jenny, after they were sure he left, they changed their clothes, picked up the palor money and receipts, threw the knife under a pile of dirty laundry and ran two blocks to Alice's house.

"We were really scared.' Jenny called the manager of the palor from her boyfriend's bar. The manager told Jenny to make a statement to the police.

Jenny receives a 50 per cent commission on her customers and keeps any tips as her own. Though her boyfriend also works, both have only one car and live in an average looking apartment building downtown. The apartment is decorated with posters and a picture of Jenny with her arm around her boyfriend. Jenny claims to have earned between $8,000-$9,000 since December. She admits that the apartment may not look like it, But she does keep "track" of her earnings.

When Jenny and Alice returned to the parlor, the police were waiting for

them. According to Jenny, the police said there wasn't enough evidence and those involved should just forget the whole thing.

On February 7, the police contacted the "victim". According to the report: "Reporting officer_____asked the victim if in fact he had went there more or less for sexual gratification." The victim stated at this time yes... he would be more than willing to prosecute on a prostitution charge as he felt that he was not going to see his money again and requested that the officer investigate. The investigation of the case would be from the standpoint of having been involved or conducting an investigation on a solicitation for an act of prostitution by suspects #1 and #2.

On February 10, just three days later, Alice was called by the police and told to either make a statement or face arrest. Both women called an attorney who allegedly told them that if they didn't make a statement, nothing would happen to them.

While Jenny's record was clean, Alice had been previously picked up on solicitation charges. Both women have a natural aversion to police(it's an occupational hazard).

In May, five months after the incident, the police arrested both Jenny and Alice on charges of petty theft, drawing a deadly weapon not in self defense, soliciting, and engaging in an act of prostitution.

The gray envelope was chemically treated for fingerprints and the two found were too smudged for identification.

Both women have asked for and will recieve a jury trial on August 14. The man was not arrested for engaging in an act of prostitution.

"I want a jury trial. I'm not guilty. He wasn't even my customer."

Alice's baby is due four days after the trial begins. She is afraid the court will take her baby away and not give it back, if she's convicted. Alice has no family or friends who will care for the baby.

Jenny had her two boys taken away from her and put up for adoption. Jenny feels the urgency to find a temporary home for Alice's unborn child.

"I'm not going to run. My sons are five and six now. I miss my boys, I really do. When they're old enough, I want them to find me. I'll probably be in my forties."

Jenny has had a hysterectomy. She's 26. "I don't have much of a family anymore. Just me and my boyfriend--he's all the family I have."

Jenny's boyfriend is a married man with three children. One day, Jenny hopes to marry him. "But it doesn't make much difference, you know? It's only what's in your heart that counts. Not a piece of paper."

"There's no witnesses, and no kind of defense. Just my word against his. I'm not going to run"

"I didn't steal the money."

The customer freely admitted paying and recieving sexual services. In the police report, he's identified as the "victim." The police have made a mistake

"Prostitution's been here since the beginning of time. Look at Mary Magdalene and Besty Ross. People barter and trade their bodies for everything."

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WOMEN IN MEDIA

Review
N.U. Professor Edits Book on the Portrayal of Women in the Media

The mass media ignore and trivialize women to a large extent by banishing them to the role of homemaker, according to a recently published book entitled Hearth and Home: Images of Women in the Mass Media.

"This trivialization is a national social problem," said Arlene Kaplan Daniels, one of the editors of the book, professor of sociology and director of Northwestern University's Program on Women. "The mass media play an important part in the transmission of social heritage from one generation to the next," she said.

Hearth and Home is an analysis of media stereotyping, its impact on society and its effect on women. The book is a collection of reports on research by recognized scholars in communications, psychology and sociology on the portrayal of women on television and in women's magazines and women's pages of newspapers.

"The general message that is beamed out over television--by far the most pervasive of the three media dealt with in the book-- is that women are subordinate, passive and conspicuously absent when important decisions are being made," said Prof. Daniels. "The presentation is a most unrealistic picture of the real opportunities that are available to women and girls."

The book examines the representation of women on prime time situation comedies, Saturday morning commercials and public television. The effects of television's messages--direct and indirect--on children and youth are also discussed.

"Our conclusion about women's magazines is that they are somewhat more responsive than television to the concerns of the women's movement,"Prof. Daniels said. "However, most women's magazines continue to assume that every woman will marry, bear children and make a home."

Included in the book are reports on a study of cover photographs from women's magazines, a comparison of Family Circle and Ms. magazines and a survey of the treatment of Jacqueline Onassis in 12 women's magazines.

The section on women's pages of newspapers examines polling of the "most admired women," learning about the power structure through an examination of society pages, the newspaper as a display of the power of men over women, the role of women reporters and where their stories are placed in the paper.

"This section on newspapers tells us that women are still a sex object to and a satellite of men, and that women are not considered 'real news,'" said Prof. Daniels.

"The book concludes that the overall image presented by the mass media ignores both the problems and the achievements of working women, who now make up more than 45 percent of the work force," she said.

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ABORTION cont.

abortionists and back alley butchers?

Where were the welfare rights advocates and the legal aid specialists, who fought so hard in the past to safeguard the lives and dignity of the poor? Could it be that they don't think lives will be lost because of this legislative decision? Or could it be that they've given up the fight and gone to live among the (relatively) non oppressed?

Most important, most heartrending, most appalling of all, where were the women's rights organizations of California? Could it be that they think this fight has already been won? Or could it be that this issue is not as sexy as sexual harrassment on the job, not as catchy as lets-be-law-and-order-bullish-on-rape, not as proudly defiant as gay rights--so the women's organizations pay lip service to reproductive freedom and let the reality flow down the sewer? What good is equal pay to a woman hemorrhaging to death because of a botched abortion? What will equal rights mean to a teenager raped by a relative, scared to report it, and left to raise a baby before she herself is grown? How can gay rights help the lesbian raped, impregnated, and then raped again by her abortionist? These situations all happened in 1968; they can, and probably will, happen again in California.

Where were you?

And now that the death knell of women's rights to life and limb has been sounded in California--where are you going to be?

From now on, what happens is your decision.

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Heartfelt thanks are due these five brave legislators who voted against the California budget because of the anti-abortion measures contained within it:

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Assemblyman Barry Keene
Senator Alan Sieroty
Senator George Zenovich
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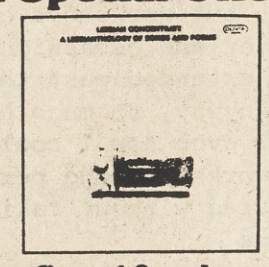

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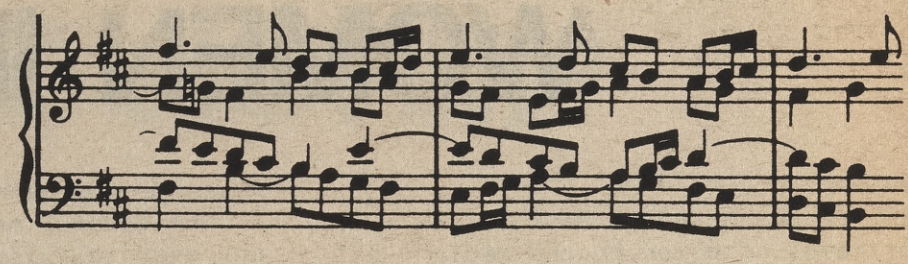

Cris Williamson

Olivia Records, once again produced a successful concert. Saturday evening, July 15, at the Berkeley Community Theater, Cris Williamson, Jackie Robbins and June Millington entertained over a thousand women. All three women proved the diverse and expansive qualities of feminist music. From Cris' rendition of a 1957 Del Vikings' hit to her own'Live Dream', we heard music; regee, rock, folk, guitar, drums, and piano. Cris and her music spoke of her life, from her very first song, dedicated to a friend no longer with her, to her songs about the west. June and Jackie accompained Cris and also played important interspersed parts of their own. Songs ranged from legends of the sixties, where we were, to how hard it is, and when we make it through all of this, we are going to be much stronger.

Perhaps the parts of Cris' concert that set her off from other feminist musicians is her existence as a women, a musician, as someone who speaks of her life and not neccessarily someone who represents totally the struggle of every women. Cris does not dismiss the struggle. On her first album she says"lean on me, I am your sister", she shows a constant awareness of her surroundings and her heritage. Her music reflects her spirit as a women and her roots, the need for expansion and newness and how that affects all of us as women.

She spoke of how happiness also needs company in her ballad, 'The Last Chance Saloon", she spoke of fear using the metaphor of the sharks fin present in the darkness of the unknown, and she ended positively with her dream fantasies of flying on the ground in her own"Live Dream".

All and all the concert could not have been better. Once again the women of Olivia were successful in organizing, producing and presenting a concert for and by women. The audience was responsive, and the concert went smoothly. Thanks should be given to these women, and a special thanks should go to Lynette Taylor for her sign language interpretations.

Lynn Patten

Champaign Illinois 5th Annual

It was six days of June sunshine and late night thunder storms in Champaign, Illinois. It was continual music and meetings and motion and mention of Malvina Reynolds, to whom this 5th Annual National Women's Music Festival was dedicated.

At times I thought I was on a treadmill; the format was daytime workshops and evening concerts. From 9 AM to Midnight there was someplace where women were gathered, sharing music, experience, laughter, intimacy. I didn't want to miss anything, but workshops overlapped and conversation and occassional food-breaks easily extended past the imposed time limits. Anyway, so much happened that week that even now I couldn't list all the workshops and performers that were offered without taking up excessive space.

I went as a singer, as a feminist interested in choral singing and sound engineering and in producing women's music,ie. concerts. My time was split between attending workshops for women with those interests, and at the evening concerts and lectures and films and in rehearsal for what was the weeks high for me---singing in a chorus an oratorio,"The Return of the Great Mother", written by Roberta Kosse, our conductor.

I think a women with any reasons for wanting to attend the festival would find-as I did- ample if not an overwhelming selection of activities and women to satisfy all musically-oriented lusts. The professionals, the inexperienced, the producers, the musicians, and the all important listeners were all represented and welcomed here. There seemed to be mutual respect for everyone: no one built themselves up or separated themselves from anyone else.

The music performed was as diverse as the continent is wide. Ginni Clemens would be in one room jamming with banjos,while Carolyn of Alive! was teaching conga rhythms,while across the quad Kay Gardner was rehearsing the festival orchestra. Last year, Kay had lobbied for a classical music contingency, and the festival organizers developed an evening of classical performances, with no less than Antonia Brico (a conductor Judy Collins brought to public attention in her Academy Award nominated film, "Antonia: Protrait of a Woman".)

Naturally, with 100's of women present, political differences would be expected. In past years, the festival has buzzed with controversy over women-only concerts. This year the undercurrent was focused on "what is women's music?" As women struggled with that question,frustration grew because of the apparent lack of disscussion surrounding classism and racism.

This festival is one of three summer events that draw women from across the country. Still to come is an outdoor festival to be held in Michigan on August 17th-20th, and there is one being planned for the west coast. Women interested in helping-please contact me.

Anne Seeley 371-5579

Back to Blossoming

Holly Near commented recently on the importance of supporting local talent and emphasized the need for feedback as being beneficial. To make this work, Near said,"interaction is necessary; performers must tell us whether or not they feel comfortable hearing any criticisms." My feedback here about Lavendar Lady Production's,"Back to Back" concert at Earharts will be limited to general comments since I don't know what Cherie Gordon, the Lavendar Lady, or Robbie Fuller and Liz Cook are ready and wanting to hear.

An exciting component of the evening was the number of women and men who came. The two performances were sold out, (Earharts arranged to seat 60.)Certainly this is a wondrous sign that such events are possible and desired. I applaud Lavender Lady Productions' initiative to present local talent and to bring the women's community together for enjoyable entertainment. You made producing seem easy, but I know that ease masks the hours and anxiety that precede an event. Thanks to you, Sherie, and to your crew, whoever they might be. Thanks are due to the women of Earharts as well. And a word of thanks to the patience of the women and men attending both performances, who waited without complaints when the sets were delayed due to sound equipment trouble.

Robbie's set was mostly filled with a variety of feminist songs, performed on guitar. Her delivery, despite a convelescing voice, was clear and purposeful. It's obvious she values the messages within her songs, and wants her audience to pay attention. She has good rapport with the audience---talking with us, telling us about herself, and inviting us to sing along (and its hard not to sing along sometimes because her own enjoyment is infectious). Robbie's performance embodies the assertion that women's music is powerful and has the ability to move women's lives.

Liz's set was evenly split between Joni Mitchell songs and her own compositions. I sat in disbelief as I heard "Coyote" and "Cold Blue Steel and Sweet Fire" delivered as if Joni was dubbing herself. Liz then moved from guitar to piano and again proved to be accomplished on that instrument. Liz plays a "smooth" piano- easy to listen to- something akin to a night-club style.

Their styles are different, their music has different motives."Back to Back" they presented a bill that offers variety to a women's concert, hopefully you will be able to catch up with them as they continue to blossom as musicians and performers.
(Hint: They'll be performing at the Parking Lot on August 4,5,6. They're going to pool their talent on a number of songs, as well as do songs individually).

Anne Seeley

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No On 6

No on Proposition 6

Proposition 6 forces are gathering numbers and money to win in the November election. We can't let this happen. Come out to the "Word is Out" for an entertaining evening and show your support. We must fight oppressive legislation.

Josette

Josette Mondanaro was reinstated to her position in the Division of Substance Abuse in Feb. of this year after along battle. During her time employed for the state, she encountered what we all meet, indirectly and directly all of the time: an overwhelmingly corrupt government, replete with abuses of power, favoritism, and manipulative systems to the advantage of a priviledged few. Josette feels her victory is a victory for the powerless people of the state of California. She has worked hard to make this point, and still needs our support. Let her know that you are aware!

WORD IS OUT

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"Graceful, funny and very moving"
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" 'WORD IS OUT' is a landmark movie for human rights in general, for gay liberation in particular, for the whole history of documentary filmmaking. These stories are sometimes sad, often funny, and almost always touching. These are real people, full of flaws and feelings and frustrations and hope, and they are absolutely magnificent. One of the most politically powerful movies I've ever seen."
Rob Baker, Soho Weekly News

"Fascinating, informative, poignant and irreverently funny."
William Wolf, Cue Magazine

"Its quality lies not just in the fact that it gives us the most intelligent, telling cinematic look to date at the homosexual experience in America, but, beyond that, it is quite funny and speaks not only to the homosexual, but to all of us who have experienced the pain of being different; which is to say, all of us."
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ST. JOHN'S GOSPEL

The People of the State of California do enact as follows:
SECTION 1. Section 44837.5 is added to the Education Code, to read:

44837.5 One of the most fundamental interests of the State is the establishment and the preservation of the family unit. Consistent with this interest is the State's duty to protect it impressionable youth from influences which are antithetical to this vital interest. This duty is particularly compelling when the state undertakes to educate its youth, and, by law, requires them to be exposed to the state's chosen educational environment throughout their formative years.

A schoolteacher, teacher's aide, school administrator or counselor has a professional duty directed exclusively towards the moral as well as intellectual, social and civic development of young and impressionable students.

As a result of continued close and prolonged contact with schoolchildren, a teacher, teacher's aide, school administrator or counselor becomes a role model whose words, behavior and actions are likely to be emulated by students coming under his or her care, instruction, supervision, administration, guidance and protection.

For these reasons the State finds a compelling interest in refusing to employ and in terminating the employment of a schoolteacher, teacher's aide, a school administrator or a counselor who engages in public homosexual activity and/or public homosexual conduct directed at, or likely to come to the attention of, school children or other school employees.

This proscription is essential since such activity and conduct undermines the state's interest in preserving and perpetuating the conjugal family unit.

The purpose of sections 44837.6 and 449.33.5 is to proscribe employment of a person whose homosexual activities or conduct are determined to render him or her unfit for service.

SECTION 2. Section 44837.6 is added to the Education Code, to read:

a. The governing board of a school district shall refuse to hire as an employee any person who has engaged in public homosexual activity or public homosexual conduct should the board determine that said activity or conduct renders the person unfit for service.

b. For purposes of this section, 1) "public homosexual activity "means the commission of an act defined in subdivision a) of Section 286 of the Penal Code, or in subdivision a) of Section 288a of the Penal Code, upon any other person of the same sex, which is not discreet and not practiced in private, whether or not such act, at the time of its commission, constituted a crime; 2) "Public Homosexual conduct" means the advocating, soliciting, imposing, encouraging, or prompting of private or public homosexual activity directed at or more likely to come to the attention of schoolchildren and/or other employees; and 3) "Employee" means a probationary or permanent certified teacher, teacher's aide, school administrator or counselor.

c. In evaluating the public homosexual activity and/or the public homosexual conduct in question for the purposes of determining an applicant's unfitness for service as an employee, a board shall consider the factors delineated in Section 44933.5f.
SECTION 3. Section 44933.5 is added to the Education Code, to read:

a. In addition to the grounds specified in Sections 44932, 44849, or any other provision of law, the commission of "public homosexual activity" or "public homosexual conduct" by an employee shall subject the employee to dismissal upon a determination by the board that said activity or conduct renders the employee unfit for service. Dismissal shall be determined in accordance with the procedures contained in this section.

b. For the purposes of this section, 1) "public homosexual activity" means commission of an act defined in subdivision a) of Section 286 of the Penal Code, or in subdivision a) of section 288a of the Penal Code, upon any other person of the same sex, which is not discreet and not practiced in private, whether or not such an act, at the time of its commission, constituted a crime; 2) "Public homosexual conduct" means the advocating, soliciting, imposing, encouraging or promoting of private or public homosexual activity directed at, or likely to come to the attention of, school children and/or other employees; and 3) "Employee" means a probationary or permanent certified teacher, teacher's aide, school administrator or counselor.

c. Notwithstanding any other provision of law regarding dismissal procedures, the governing board, upon the filing of written charges that the person has committed public homosexual activity or public homosexual conduct, duly signed and verified by the person filing the charges, or upon written charges formulated by the governing board, shall set a probable cause hearing on the charges within 15 working days after the filing or formulation of written charges and forward notice to the employee of the charges not less than 10 working days prior to the probable cause hearing. The notice shall inform the employee of the time and place of the governing board's hearing to determine if probable cause exists that the employee has engaged in public homosexual activity or public homosexual conduct. Such notice shall also inform the employee of his or her right to be present with counsel and to present evidence which may have bearing on the board's determination of whether there is probable cause. This hearing shall be held in private session in accordance with Govt. Code 54957, unless the employee requests a public hearing. A finding of probable cause shall be made within thirty working days after the filing or formulation of written charges by not less than a simple majority vote of the entire board.

d. Upon a finding of probable cause, the governing board may, if it deems such action necessary, immediately suspend the employee from his or her duties. The board shall, within 32 working days after the filing or formulation of written charges, notify the employee in writing of its findings and decision to suspend, if imposed, and the board's reasons therefore.

e. Whether or not the employee is immediately suspended, and notwithstanding any other provision of law, the governing board shall, within 30 working days after the notice of the finding of probable cause, hold a hearing on the truth of the charges upon which a finding of probable cause was based and whether such charges, if found to be true, render the employee unfit for service. This hearing shall be held in private session in accordance with Govt. Code 54957, unless the employee requests a public hearing. The governing board's decision as to whether the employee is unfit for service shall be made within 30 working days after the conclusion of this hearing. A decision that the employee is unfit for service shall be determined by not less than a simple majority of the entire board. The written decision shall include findings of fact and conclusions of law.

f. Factors to be considered by the board in evaluating the charges of public homosexual activity or public homosexual conduct in question and in determining unfitness for service shall include, but not be limited to: 1) the likelihood that the activity or conduct may adversely affect students or other employees; 2) The proximity or remoteness in time or location of the conduct to the employee's responsibilities; 3) the extenuating or aggravating circumstances which, in the judgement of the board, must be examined in weighing the evidence; and 4) whether the conduct included acts, words or deeds, of a continuing or comprehensive nature which would tend to encourage, promote, or dispose schoolchildren toward private or public homosexual activity or private or public homosexual conduct.

g. If, by a preponderance of the evidence, the employee is found to have engaged in public homosexual activity or public homosexual conduct which renders the employee unfit for service, the employee shall be dismissed from employment. The decision of the governing board shall be subject to judicial review.
SECTION 4. Severability Clause.

If any provision of this enactment or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or application of this enactment which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this enactment are severable.